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Pharmacy Technician State Certification Requirements

As of January 1, 2005, requirements for state certification are:

1. Current Pharmacy Technician Registration
2. Submit a copy of high school diploma or GED.
3. Complete a formal academic training program that includes:
 - (a) introduction to pharmacy and health care systems;
 - (b) pharmacy law and ethics;
 - (c) pharmacy calculations;
 - (d) pharmacology;
 - (1) Anatomy and physiology;
 - (2) Therapeutic agents;
 - (3) Non-prescription drugs;
 - (e) pharmacy operations;
 - (1) drug distribution systems;
 - (2) records management and inventory control;
 - (3) ambulatory and institutional practice;
 - (f) compounding;
 - (1) aseptic technique;
 - (2) nonsterile compounding;
 - (g) general education;
 - (1) medical terminology;
 - (2) interpersonal relations;
 - (3) communications;
 - (4) computers/keyboarding;
 - (h) problem solving/critical thinking;
 - (i) experiential training (practical experience).

A certificate, diploma, or degree from a formal academic pharmacy technician training program **must be** accredited by American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP). You may check the ASHP web site at <http://www.ashp.org/tech-directory> to determine if your school's Pharmacy Technician Program is approved.

4. Pass the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board (PTCB) exam.
5. Complete an Affidavit of Experience certifying completion of 1,000 hours of practical experience under the supervision of a licensed pharmacist. A maximum of 400 hours of practical experience credit may be given for clinical hours upon completion of the Pharmacy Technician degree program.